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Tensions escalate aboard the Grail Arbor, as Claudio grows frustrated with Ambellina's intense training methods to help him harness his growing powers. On Apity Prime, House Atlantic has been restored in all its functional glory, giving Wilhelm Ryan time to focus on his diabolical new plan to force obedience on the population even in the afterlife. While a slip-up at an inopportune time has put Ryder in hot water with Erica, the lines between his work and home life begin to blur. A last minute proposal, meant to smooth things over, instead leaves a weighty unanswered question hanging in the balance...

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**EVIL  
INK**





CLAUDIO!

CHASE,  
LET'S GET HIM  
DOWN.



WHO  
DID THIS  
TO YOU?

I THINK  
I DID.

WAS IT A  
NIGHTMARE,  
THEN?

I GUESS...  
BUT I WASN'T  
SLEEPING.

IT  
WAS NOT A  
NIGHTMARE.



IT WAS A LEAP FORWARD.  
THE METAMORPHOSES  
INTO THE CROWING IS  
ACCELERATING--

NOT NOW,  
CHASE. I'M  
REALLY NOT IN  
THE MOOD.

WHETHER YOU'RE IN THE  
MOOD OR NOT, YOU CAN'T  
DENY YOUR FATE AS GOD'S  
JUDGE ANY LONGER. THE  
EVIDENCE IS BUILDING  
ALL AROUND YOU.





CLAUDIO, DON'T YOU REALIZE YOU'RE THE ONLY HOPE THE FENCE HAS LEFT?

HAVE YOU LOOKED UP THE DEFINITION OF 'HOPE' RECENTLY, AMBELLINA? I'M PRETTY SURE IT'S THE OPPOSITE OF 'ENDING LIFE AS WE KNOW IT.'

HE'S RIGHT. I WOULD NEVER CLAIM TO KNOW THE MIND OF THE CREATOR, BUT THE GHANSGRAAD IS CLEAR.

BUT...



...WHAT IF THE RIDDLE WAS NOT OURS TO INTERPRET IN THE FIRST PLACE?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

"WITH YOU THERE TO CHALLENGE ME." I BELIEVE GOD WAS TALKING TO THE MAGES.



\*ACCORDING TO PRISE LORE, WHEN THE FIRST TRI-MAGE TRIED TO CONQUER THE 12 SECTORS OVER A THOUSAND YEARS AGO, MY ANCESTORS STOPPED HIM.

\*AND GOD DIDN'T PUNISH THEM FOR DOING SO. HARMONY WAS RESTORED AND THE WORLDS WERE RETURNED TO NORMAL.



YOU HAVE NO **PROOF** OF SUCH EVENTS.

NO. I HAVE THE BELIEF IN A TIME WHEN THE PRISE WERE NOT AFRAID TO ACT OF THEIR OWN FREE WILL.

OVER TIME WE BECAME AFRAID OF THE RIDDLE, SO PARALYZED BY THE FEAR OF MAKING THE WRONG DECISION THAT MY SISTERS STOOD IDLY BY WHILE HORRIBLE THINGS HAPPENED.

IT COST THEM THEIR LIVES AND THE LIVES OF COUNTLESS OTHERS.





BUT I BELIEVE THAT YOU, CLAUDIO...

YOU CAN CHOOSE TO PUT YOUR MARK ON THESE WORLDS FOR THE BETTER.

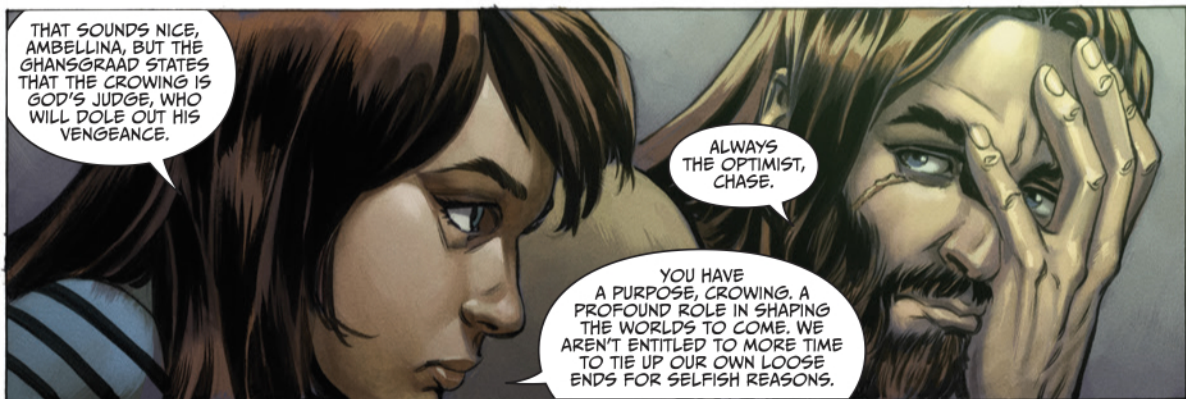


LOOK, I APPRECIATE WHERE YOU'RE BOTH COMING FROM, BUT I JUST CAN'T SEE THE POINT IN ANY OF THIS.

EVEN IF WE WIPE OUT RYAN, I'M STILL SOME RELIGIOUS FIGURE HAND-PICKED BY GOD TO SAVE THE WORLD...BY DESTROYING IT.

IT'S INSANITY!

ONE THING MY SISTERS AND I AGREED ON IS THE CROWING'S ROLE OF A SAVIOR, NOT A DESTROYER.



THAT SOUNDS NICE, AMBELLINA, BUT THE GHANSGRAAD STATES THAT THE CROWING IS GOD'S JUDGE, WHO WILL DOLE OUT HIS VENGEANCE.

ALWAYS THE OPTIMIST, CHASE.

YOU HAVE A PURPOSE, CROWING. A PROFOUND ROLE IN SHAPING THE WORLDS TO COME. WE AREN'T ENTITLED TO MORE TIME TO TIE UP OUR OWN LOOSE ENDS FOR SELFISH REASONS.



I WOULD LOVE TO BELIEVE THAT WE MIGHT ALL BE SPARED...MAYBE THEN, INFERNO WOULD SEE SIZER AND I AS HIS CHILDREN AND NOT HIS MACHINES.

BUT IT'S NOT PART OF THE PLAN.

YOU MAY NOT ACCEPT YOUR FATE, CROWING, BUT THAT FATE HAS ACCEPTED YOU.



**BLEET**

EVERYONE REPORT TO THE BRIDGE IMMEDIATELY FOR DEBRIEFING.